Pending irrigation projects

282. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the major and medium irrigation projects of various States lying pending with the Central Government as on date;

(b) since when the above irrigation projects are pending indicating the reasons for delay;

(c) the present status of each project; and

(d) by when the projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) At present 186 new irrigation project proposals (103 major and 83 medium) have been received from various State Governments out of which 114 projects (62 major and 52 medium) are under different stages of appraisal and remaining 72 projects (41 major and 31 medium) have been techo-economically accepted by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multipurpose Projects of Ministry of Water Resources. State-wise abstract and details of projects are enclosed as Annexure.

(b) Date of receipt of each project proposal is indicated in the enclosed Annexure [*See* Appendix 212 Annexure No. 1]. Various reasons for delay in techno-economic appraisal in Central Water Commission (CWC) are:—

(1) The projects formulated are not according to the guidelines for preparation of detailed project reports for irrigation and multi-purpose projects issued by the CWC.

(2) Adequate investigations (Topographical, hydrological, geological and soil surveys etc.) are not carried out before submission of project proposals.

(3) Studies to assess dependable yield, design flood and silt load etc. are neither based on adequate data nor standard techniques are applied in carrying out those studies.

(4) The concurrence of State Revenue, Financial and Agriculture Departments are not obtained while sending the proposal to the Centre for techno-economic appraisal.

(5) Clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forest from environmental and forest angle is not obtained.

(6) Clearance of Resettlement and Rehabilitation Plan from Ministry of Tribal Affairs not obtained in case Tribal population are affected.

(7) The State Government takes unduly long time in compliance of the observations of various Central Appraising Agencies.

(8) Cost estimates are not to the required standard.

(c) Status/Category for each project is reflected in Annexure [*See* Appendix 212, Annexure No. 1]

(d) The time taken for clearance/approval of the project proposals depends upon the promptness with which the State Governments arranges compliance to the oservations of CWC/ Technical Advirosy Committee/Planning Commission.

Financial assistance to States for control of floods

283. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for sanctioning of financial assistance to the State Governments for control of floods;